

and measures to ensure that such tools and measures include information related to the known risk factors of low birth weight and preterm birth.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, except for subsection (c), \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011.

SEC. 4. PUBLIC AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second section 3990 (relating to grants to foster public health responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking) as section 399P; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 399Q. PUBLIC AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, directly or through the awarding of grants to public or private nonprofit entities, may conduct demonstration projects for the purpose of improving the provision of information on prematurity to health professionals and other health care providers and the public and improving the treatment and outcomes for babies born preterm.

“(b) **ACTIVITIES.**—Activities to be carried out under the demonstration project under subsection (a) may include the establishment of—

“(1) programs to test and evaluate various strategies to provide information and education to health professionals, other health care providers, and the public concerning—

“(A) the signs of preterm labor, updated as new research results become available;

“(B) the screening for and the treating of infections;

“(C) counseling on optimal weight and good nutrition, including folic acid;

“(D) smoking cessation education and counseling;

“(E) stress management; and

“(F) appropriate prenatal care;

“(2) programs to improve the treatment and outcomes for babies born premature, including the use of evidence-based standards of care by health care professionals for pregnant women at risk of preterm labor or other serious complications and for infants born preterm and at a low birthweight;

“(3) programs to respond to the informational needs of families during the stay of an infant in a neonatal intensive care unit, during the transition of the infant to the home, and in the event of a newborn death; and

“(4) such other programs as the Secretary determines appropriate to achieve the purpose specified in subsection (a).

“(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011.”

SEC. 5. INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON PREMATURITY AND LOW BIRTHWEIGHT.

(a) **PURPOSE.**—It is the purpose of this section to stimulate multidisciplinary research, scientific exchange, and collaboration among the agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services and to assist the Department in targeting efforts to achieve the greatest advances toward the goal of reducing prematurity and low birthweight.

(b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall establish an Interagency Coordinating Council on Prematurity and Low Birthweight (referred to in this section as the Council) to carry out the purpose of this section.

(c) **COMPOSITION.**—The Council shall be composed of members to be appointed by the Secretary, including representatives of the agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services.

(d) **ACTIVITIES.**—The Council shall—

(1) annually report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and Congress on current Departmental activities relating to prematurity and low birthweight;

(2) carry out other activities determined appropriate by the Secretary of Health and Human Services; and

(3) oversee the coordination of the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. SURGEON GENERAL'S CONFERENCE ON PRETERM BIRTH.

(a) **CONVENING OF CONFERENCE.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, shall convene a conference on preterm birth.

(b) **PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE.**—The purpose of the conference convened under subsection (a) shall be to—

(1) increase awareness of preterm birth as a serious, common, and costly public health problem in the United States;

(2) review the findings and reports issued by the Interagency Coordinating Council, key stakeholders, and any other relevant entities; and

(3) establish an agenda for activities in both the public and private sectors that will speed the identification of, and treatments for, the causes of and risk factors for preterm labor and delivery.

(c) **REPORT.**—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to the Congress and make available to the public a report on the agenda established under subsection (b)(3), including recommendations for activities in the public and private sectors that will speed the identification of, and treatments for, the causes of and risk factors for preterm labor and delivery.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section (other than subsection (c)) \$125,000.

SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN HEAD START REGULATIONS.

Section 1310.12(a) of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (October 1, 2004) shall not be effective until June 30, 2007, or 60 days after the date of the enactment of a statute that authorizes appropriations for fiscal year 2007 to carry out the Head Start Act, whichever date is earlier.

Mr. BARTON of Texas (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

Mr. PALLONE. Reserving the right to object, I would just like to ask the chairman if the bill as amended now is the version that we have dated December 8 at 11:35 p.m.?

Mr. BARTON of Texas. That is exactly the bill that is at the desk. I have a copy here and I have read it and I can assure the Members that it is okay on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. PALLONE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the amendment is agreed to. There was no objection.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time,

and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REAUTHORIZING SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4,400 rural schools who will lose funding and the counties and the forests of America, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Ways and Means, Agriculture and Resources be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 6423) to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 and to offset the cost of payments to States and counties under such Act, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to consideration of the bill?

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER. Objection is heard.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF TWO MEMBERS TO INFORM PRESIDENT THAT THE TWO HOUSES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR BUSINESS OF THE SESSION

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 1108) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1108

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the House to join a similar committee appointed by the Senate, to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that the two Houses have completed their business of the session and are ready to adjourn, unless the President has some other communication to make to them.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE TO INFORM PRESIDENT THAT THE TWO HOUSES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR BUSINESS OF THE SESSION AND ARE READY TO ADJOURN

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 1108, the Chair appoints the following Members of the House to the committee to notify the President:

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER).

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MINORITY MEMBER OF EACH STANDING COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE TO EXTEND REMARKS IN RECORD

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the chairman